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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director (Administration)

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SUBJECT: Proposed Regulation ☐

1. I believe recent changes in organization and in the procedures and practices of PRC have made the proposed regulation obsolete. I believe a much simpler and broader regulation of a different tone would be appropriate. If the program presentation system works out, PRC should fall into its proper role of giving overall guidance on policy and allocation of effort.

2. Very briefly, I think the functions of PRC could be stated as follows. PRC is established to recommend to the DCI the allocation of effort as represented by proposed expenditures of confidential funds for the support of covert activities and review such activities in order to recommend continuance or suitable alterations. In this budget and review function PRC shall always consider the needs of the operational offices for policy guidance and either provide such guidance or propose action for obtaining effective policy guidance. If PRC is set up on this broad scale it will no longer be concerned with individual projects except in rare instances where they create a policy question or distort the previously approved area program. Once the area programs have been approved by the Director on PRC's recommendation, it is my understanding of the new DD/P set-up that DD/P then becomes responsible for implementation and the problem of project approvals would be for proper staff work rather than for a facility like PRC.

3. If I am heading in the right direction then I think this draft of ☐ should be withdrawn and a new approach taken.

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